

## ARE CONFIDENT OIL IS STRUCK IN THIS VALLEY

**Drilling Discontinued in Well at 3700  
Foot Depth and Arranging to Case  
Off Water. Strong Indication of  
Oil With Increased Pressure of  
Gas. Stockholders Encouraged**

"Harney Valley now has an oil well."

The above was the remark of one of the largest stockholders in the oil well that has had such a hard struggle to get down to the present depth of 3700 feet.

He made this remark to The Times-Herald the other evening and followed it with an explanation of the future plans of those in charge.

The drilling has stopped for the present and it is intended to secure sufficient casing of smaller dimension than now in the well with which to case off the water. There is strong indication of oil at the depth reached and it is confidently expected that when the immense volume of water is cased off it will be found of considerable quantity.

It has been suggested in the past that it was possible oil had been struck before the well was down so deep and that if the water was cased off it would give a better idea of what the prospects were. Men familiar with oil strikes have stated that oil would not raise through any depth of water and when it was considered there were over 3000 feet of water in the well it would seem impossible to know whether there was really oil of any quantity or not. It is stated the gas flow is considerably increased at the present time. If such is the case and it proves of any volume the stockholders may realize handsomely from this well whether there is oil of paying quantities or not. Gas is an asset that will bring immense returns.

The Times-Herald is pleased to receive such encouraging news of this important development and hopes the promoters really have what they have been striving for. The striking of oil would bring wonderful development to this valley and attract more attention than any other project, not excepting the railroad. With oil in paying quantities, the irrigation projects financed and the

railroad building we certainly would be prosperous and bring to us a vast number of men of means that would develop the resources of this big county in a remarkably short time.

Just how rapidly the further prosecution of the oil well proposition will go forward we are unable to say. We understand the casing must be brought in from the outside and the present condition of the roads are such as to make this uncertain. After it is on the ground the matter of putting it down will take some time.

### The Electric Light Situation.

The power problem for Burns is the topic of considerable discussion and the management of the light plant wants to keep the people informed on the situation and its methods of improving the power supply.

Considering the unusual difficulties that we have had to overcome we point with pride to the fact that we have had only three days shut-down in nearly three years of operation.

Last winter we used fuel-oil hauled from Bend because we were unable to show the Federal court the unfairness of the decree that the Pacific Live Stock Co. held against the water in the river. We have just been informed that, although there is plenty of water at their Island Ranch, they do not propose to grant any favors. They hold that until the adjudication does take place they will "exact their pound of flesh".

Running the plant on fuel oil is unprofitable, we can not get power from the Burns Flour Milling Company because they are afraid that in some way the monster will attack them, too, if they sell us power. It is manifestly impossible to bring power to Burns from any of the plants that have plenty of it some 150 miles away. The only solution of the power problem lies in getting fuel brought here cheap-

ly. We propose to do that as soon as any feasible means is in sight. Until then we must ask you to be lenient in your condemnation of the service.

The matter of scant service causes us much regret because we are mindful of the inconvenience to our customers and we are confronted by our idle equipment that ought to be at work. Your inconvenience and our loss is part of the price we pay for letting adjudication be postponed.

ROY C. DWYER.

### Oregon Counties Should be Interested

In prosecuting agricultural extension work in the State of Oregon for the 1915-16 period the Department of Agriculture has arranged for the expenditure of \$104,555 through Oregon Agricultural College. The money comes to the state by reason of the provisions of the Smith-Lever act, adopted by Congress in 1914.

The instruction provided for includes practical demonstrations in agriculture and home economics, given to persons who do not attend colleges or reside in college towns. In order to secure the advantage of these funds for Oregon it was necessary for the Agricultural College to agree to a memorandum requiring the college to organize and maintain a district administrative management for the extension work.

In Oregon Agricultural College there is a director who is in charge of all this work, and who submits his plans to the director at Washington for approval.

For the past few years county agents have been provided in many counties, the cost being divided between the Government, state and county, who have been working with organized bodies of farmers.

A glance at the appropriations for Oregon is indicative of the wide extent and variety of aid that is being rendered, any of which is open to any county which desires to co-operate to secure the benefits that accrue.

Appropriations.	
Administration	\$ 7,035
Publications	6,325
County Agents	44,691
Home demonstrations	3,150
Movable schools	14,356
Boy's club work	6,990
Pig clubs	2,700
Dairying	5,400
Farm management	2,760
Rural organization	4,141
Miscellaneous	7,707
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$104,555</b>

Of the 35 counties in Oregon, only 10 at this time have availed themselves of the county agent plan.

These agents have been particularly helpful in many states in solving social problems, as well as in giving aid to the farmer in wrestling with the every day difficulties that spell the difference between success and failure.

In the organization of pig clubs of contests in growing grain and vegetables among the boys, and in the work of interesting the girls in canning clubs and other branches of domestic economics the agents have gone far toward making the farm life of the country more tolerable to the young, and in quelling the rising desire to get away to the city.

It is a work that is making the farm pay—in crops and in boys and in girls.—Chamber of Commerce News.

### Sumpter Valley Railway Co.

Arrival and Departure of Trains

Departs	No. 2, Prairie	10:15 A. M.
	Sumpter	8:35 P. M.
Arrives	Baker	4:00 P. M.

Departs	No. 1, Baker	8:30 A. M.
	Sumpter	10:05 A. M.
Arrives	Prairie	2:10 P. M.

No. 1 Makes good connection with O.-W. R. & N. Co. No. 4 (East Mail) leaving Portland 6:30 P. M., arriving at Baker 7:55 A. M. and No. 17 from east arriving Baker 6:50 A. M.

No. 2 connects with No. 5 (East Mail) arriving at Baker 7:55 P. M. which picks up Pullman at Baker, arriving at Portland 7:00 A. M. Also with No. 18 at 6:45 P. M. for points East.

## ROBERT E. STRAHORN IS COMING TO BURNS

**Railroad Builder at Boise This Week  
Writes Railroad Committee That  
He Desires to Inspect the Proposed  
Connection With Crane Creek Gap.  
Will Send an Auto to Meet Him**

Robert E. Strahorn, the railroad man that holds the attention of this section at the present time, is expected in Burns tomorrow or the next day, the local Railroad Club having sent a car to the railroad to meet him.

A letter written at Boise was received the other day by Judge Levens in which Mr. Strahorn stated he would be in Boise for a few days this week and would try and steal enough time to come to Burns. At the time this was not known what his business was in Boise and was considered probable that he was going to try and interest that territory in the building of the line from Crane Creek Gap to Burns. This would be a feasible plan since Boise would profit directly from such an extension. However, it appears from an interview in the Boise Capital News that he has other interests in that city but has talked railroad to them. One paragraph of his letter says:

"My principal purpose in going to Burns now is to get a better idea of the Harney Valley, especially between Burns and Crane Creek Gap, and the new route we discussed between Burns and Riley."

This paragraph is significant and would indicate a greater interest in the line which we hope to have constructed during the coming year. It has been generally understood that this line was going to be considered first by the people of Burns regardless of Mr. Strahorn's plans and if he wishes to take the matter up in connection with other projects he will find plenty of discouragement.

The Capital News says in part: Boise and western Idaho can well afford to bestir themselves regarding the proposed railroad development in the interior of Oregon, which the Oregon, California & Eastern Railway company expects to carry on, according to Robert E. Strahorn of Portland and Spokane, president of that company and considered the most prominent engineer and railroad constructionist in the west.

Mr. Strahorn is in Boise to-day accompanied by Mrs. Strahorn. Matters in relation to the schedule of the Northwest Light & Water company which furnishes the city of Wallace, among others, with electricity and of which he is president, before the public utilities commission, called him here. He will be here and at Caldwell two days.

When interviewed Mr. Strahorn declared that he was not in a position at that time to say to

Boise or to western Idaho what should be done by them in regard to the railroad development in the interior of Oregon, but his suggestion that it would be to the interests of this section is considered important.

"The Oregon, California & Eastern company was organized for the purpose of getting started plans to build a railroad in the central interior of Oregon," said Mr. Strahorn. "These plans are now in the formative stage. You can say that we are endeavoring to connect the present lines now built to their present terminals and towards the central portion of Oregon."

"These connections would join the Oregon Short Line extension from Vale through the Harney valley at Bend with the Oregon Trunk and the Oregon-Washington Railway & Navigation company; connect this line with the Southern Pacific at Klamath Falls and connect that line with the Nevada-California-Oregon at Lakeview, a distance of 180 miles from Bend."

"The Oregon-California & Eastern Railway company was organized for the purpose of carrying on independent railroad construction—independent of any of the other railroads and if these plans are carried out the transportation facilities will be provided which will develop the interior as well as connect up the lines I have mentioned."

"The construction would mean shortening of the distance from this territory to Portland by 150 miles and to Portland 700 miles over the present transportation facilities offered to that city. This naturally would be an advantage. It would also make a vast empire in the central portion of Oregon tributary to Portland, San Francisco and Boise, as well."

"I do not believe that the proposed route from here to Winnemucca to perfect a connection there with the Western Pacific is feasible. I am familiar with the route having been over it in former years. The cost of construction would not only be great but the territory does not offer inducements for a railroad. There is little to draw on from here to Winnemucca in so far as large tonnage is concerned."

"The connection with the Oregon Short Line railroad out of Vale to Bend offered by the Oregon-California & Eastern would give a direct route to San Francisco, not shorter probably than the Winnemucca connection as proposed but through a very rich country once it is developed."

"The present terminal of the Oregon Trunk and the Oregon-Washington Railway and Navigation company is Bend. The terminal of the Southern Pacific is Klamath and the Nevada-California & Oregon is Lakeview. The proposed connecting line of the Oregon-California & Eastern is to build from Bend south to Silver Lake, where the road branches towards Klamath Falls to connect with the Southern Pacific and to Lakeview to connect with the Nevada-California & Oregon. The importance of these connections is manifest from an inspection of the map. To this section it is of some importance, I take it."

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### To High School Teachers

Examinations for high school teachers who are graduates of standard colleges and universities, but who have not had fifteen semester hour's work in Education, will be given in connection with the regular teachers' examinations which will be held at the county seat of each county beginning on December 15, 1915, and on June 23, 1916. For the purpose of certification, teachers will be credited with three semester hours in education for each subject in which they pass the examination with a grade of at least 75 per cent. Twelve questions will be submitted in each of the five subjects shown below.

The questions will be selected from the two books given after each subject. No fee will be charged for the examination. After 1915, no applicants will be permitted to take this examination unless they are especially recommended for certification by the schools from which they have been graduated. The Oregon State Library, Salem, has a limited number of copies of each book, which will be loaned to teachers, the only expense being the postage. The books may be purchased from the publishers, or they will be sent postpaid by The J. K. Gill Company, Portland, Oregon, at the prices indicated.

1. Science of Education.—Ruediger: Principles of Education. c. 1910. Houghton, Mifflin Co., Boston, \$1.25. Colvin: The Learning Process. c. 1911. The Macmillan Co., New York, \$1.25.
2. History of Education.—Graves: A Student's History of Education. c. 1915. The Macmillan Co., Boston, \$1.25. Monroe: Textbook in the History of Education. c. 1905. The Macmillan Co., Boston, \$1.90.
3. Childhood and Adolescence.—King: The High School Age. c. 1914. Bobbs-Merrill Co., Indianapolis, \$1.00. Tyler: Growth and Education. c. 1907. Houghton, Mifflin Co., Boston, \$1.50.
4. School Administration.—Monroe: (ed.): Principles of Secondary Education. c. 1914. The Macmillan Co., Boston, \$1.90. Dutton and Snedden: Administration of Public Education in the United States. c. 1912. The Macmillan Co., Boston, \$2.00.
5. Methods—Judd: Psychology of High School Subjects. c. 1915. Ginn & Co., Boston, \$1.50. Parker: Methods of Teaching in High Schools. c. 1915. Ginn & Co., Boston, \$1.50.

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## OUR FOOT BALL TEAM VICTORS AT JOHN DAY

**A Well Contested Game Full of Thrills  
Regardless of One-Sided Scoring.  
Return Game Scheduled for Home  
Grounds Next Saturday, Dec. 11th,  
That Promises Decided Interest**

(Contributed.)

The Burns football team met the John Day team on the fast John Day field on November 26. The teams lined up about balanced in weight in the line with the John Day team somewhat heavier in the backfield. From the time the opening whistle sounded and Cooley received John Day's kickoff on Burns 15 yard line and, with splendid interference, ran the ball back to the John Day 15-yard line, the game was full of the kind of thrills that delight the football fan.

John Day held for downs and recovered the ball on her 6-yard line. Then began a series of furious off-tackle plunges which carried the ball well toward the center of the field. John Day's punt was blocked and recovered by Burns and a series of forward passes and open field running netted Burns the first touchdown of the game. Walkup kicked goal.

During the last three quarters of the game the contest was keen at all times but the open playing of the Burns boys kept the edge in their favor thru out. The John Day team fought gamely and put up flashes of excellent offensive work but never threatened Burns goal but once. One touchdown was netted by the Burns team in each quarter and the game ended with the score 27 to 0 in favor of the visitors.

The John Day boys will play a return game in Burns on Saturday December 11 and have already greatly strengthened their team by new players and improvements in their style of play both on offense and defense. The contest will doubtless be decidedly interesting to those who enjoy the fast open style of football.

The Burns lineup was: Walkup c., Triske r. g.; Jetley l. g.; Young r. t.; Sayer l. t.; VanWingarden and Bardwell ends; Brecount and Cooley halves, Gilbert and Young fulls, Miller and Hagey.

### Fleece Blankets Will be Present to Nation's Head

When President Wilson is married to Mrs. Galt some time soon if reports are true, they will find among their wedding presents a pair of beautifully made to order pure fleece blankets from the Pendleton Woolen Mills. The blankets will be the best that can be made in the world and they will be given with the compliments of C. S. Jackson, former Pendletonian, and owner of the Portland Journal.

Mr. Jackson recently ordered the blankets through the Peoples Warehouse and gave instruction as to their shipment, etc. Among other things it will be stated the blankets are made of "free wool" and that no tariff will be needed to make the wool growers prosperous if the pure fabric law can be passed.

But the Woodrow Wilson family will not be the only people in high official life at Washington in possession of Pendleton blankets. Mr. Jackson recently ordered a pair of the local blankets sent to Mr. and Mrs. McAdoo and a pretty little woolen blanket to the baby daughter of the Secretary of the treasury.

During the days he was in Pendleton, Mr. Jackson was one of the original workers in behalf of establishing the woolen mill here and he has always taken a great pride in the industry.—East Oregonian.

Pictures, tonight, Tonawama.

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